

Montgomery County Board of Elections Election Director's Report – April 2024

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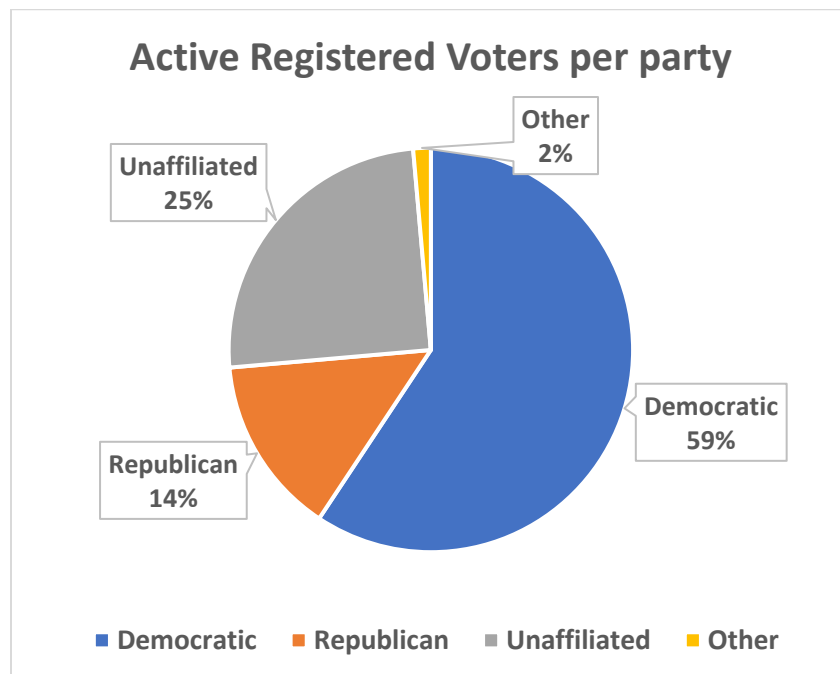
Draft minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting were distributed to the Board on April 5, 2024.

The Agenda for the April 15, 2024, meeting was posted on the Board of Elections website on April 10, 2024.

The Director's Report, the Expenditure Tracking Report, and meeting materials were shared with the Board and posted on the website on April 11, 2024.

Voter Registration Statistics:

The Monthly Statistical Report for March 2024 was distributed to the Board members on April 1, 2024, and published on the BOE's website. As of the end of March 2024, there were 684,784 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 66,279 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 751,063.



State Board of Elections (SBE):

The State Board of Elections mailed out the mail-in ballot applications to all Unaffiliated registered voters, and Democratic and Republican voters who registered since the initial mailing of the applications earlier this year.

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SBE sent out mail-in ballots to UOCAVA voters 45 days before election day and commenced mailing the ballots to Montgomery County voters.

Official Election Drop Boxes were delivered and installed on March 26, 2024.

Personnel

Permanent positions:

The start date for the selected candidate for the Voter Services Manager position is April 22, 2024. The ad for the Deputy Election Director position remains open until filled.

The Board of Elections currently has only two vacant positions. Once we are fully staffed, 41% of the permanent staff will be new or new to their respective positions compared to the 2022 Election Cycle.

Temporary positions:

As we are getting closer to the election, we are finalizing the onboarding of 75 temporary team members. However, not all team members are currently on site as their assignments differ in start/end date and duration.

Budget

The attached Expenditure Tracking Report reflects the approved Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and the Department's spending through the end of March 2024. Both historically and per calendar of election tasks, most expenditures will be accrued in the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

Sections' Activities

Board of Elections voter communication efforts

The Sample Ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary Elections were mailed to our voters from April 4 through April 12, 2024. Delivery was staggered due to the volume of 680,000 pieces of the 28-page Sample Ballot booklet.

Voter Services

The Voter Registration team continues its daily processing of paper form and electronic voter registrations, and list maintenance activities which include processing all incoming records provided directly by the voters or received from DHMH, the Jury Commission, Courts, or through ERIC. Montgomery County Board of Elections received and processed 20,225 Online Voter Registration (OLVR) requests in March. The Voter Registration team continues to process daily around 600 new registrations or voter registration updates. This number does not include voter registration requests received in the paper form, court-mandated name changes, etc.

OLVR - 2024

January	17,050
February	17,850
March	20,225

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Mail-in Voting team is processing incoming requests for mail-in ballots for the 2024 election cycle or all future elections. As of April 10, 2024, the Montgomery County Board of Elections has 122,213 requests for mail-in ballots for the 2024 Primary election, including over 104,000 permanent requests for mail-in ballots. Number of requests for print-at-home web delivery ballot is 18,546. More statistical information is available in the Presentation on Preparations for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

IT / Training Section

IT Section is continuing to conduct Logic and Accuracy testing on the voting equipment.

The Future Vote portal was launched on March 21, 2024, for Future Vote students to sign up to work during the primary election. The IT Manager is continuing to work with the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) department on further improvements to the Election Worker and Future Vote portals.

Training classes began on February 20, 2024. The Training Staff has conducted 239 classes and trained 2,264 election workers as of April 10, 2024.

Operations Section

The Operations Section is supported by 35 Drop Box Attendants who are conducting once-daily pick-ups at drop boxes. Twice daily drop box pick-ups will begin on May 2nd.

The warehouse staff is working on finalizing supply packets, conducting ballot verification and packing, finalizing preparation and printing of chief judge binders, documents and signs.

Recruitment and Election Support

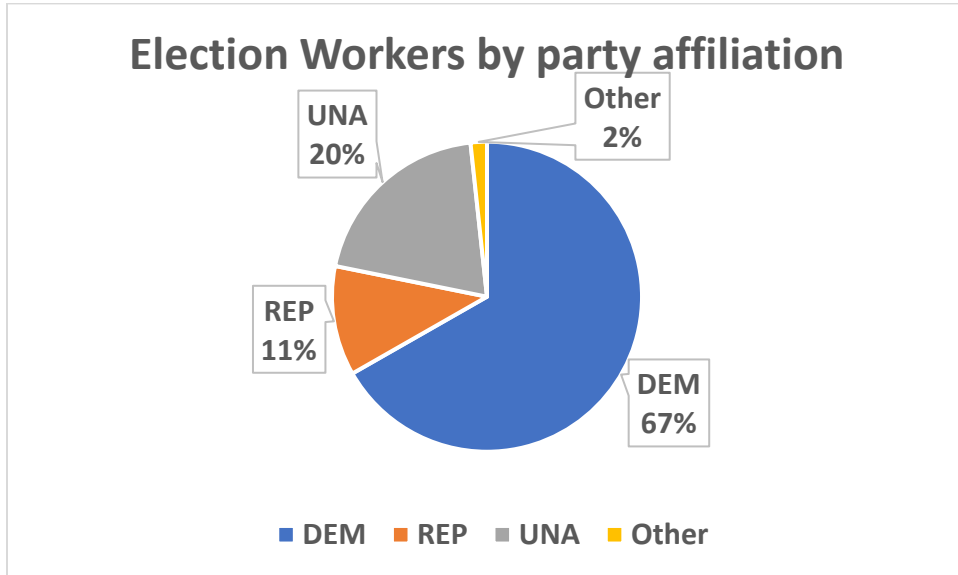
In addition to supporting outreach events, the Recruitment Section is processing received applications, assisting workers with the new EJ Connection Portal, processing online training results, and building precinct rosters for Election Day and Early Voting of trained workers.

As of April 10, 2024:

- 4,111 prospective volunteers renewed or submitted their application.
- 2,940 prospective volunteers have completed the online quiz.
- 2,264 have completed in-person training.
- 342 have signed up to attend in-person training sessions by April 27, 2024.

Party affiliation breakdown of those who renewed or completed an application:

- Democrats – 2,744
- Republicans – 470
- Unaffiliated – 827
- Other – 70



Meetings / Events

The Election Director participated in the League of Women Voters' virtual event on March 26, 2024, on the importance of trusted sources of election-related information.

On April 9, 2024, the Election Director, Acting Deputy Election Director, and BOE's Public Information Officer attended the signing of the Protecting Elections Officials Act of 2024 (SB480/HB585) by Governor Wes Moore.